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Father Darkleaf

by c. h. r.

...iked the set up of Christmas ...this year in downtown Appo...x. Seems to me there were ...ight bulbs than usual.

...want to extend a greeting to ...one for the holiday season, ...we want to mention two ...groups.

...st: our thanks and gratitude ...e fine group of correspondents ...have so faithfully mailed us, ...by week, their "neighborhood ..." of interesting news items in ...respective communities. Some ...these wonderful people have ...rendering this civic serv... ...for many, many years. We are ...ry proud of this civic service ...render. Bless you, everyone. ...cond, we thank those friends ...distant localities, and distant ..., in many cases, for your ap...ated Christmas cards. It warms ...heart to receive an unexpected ...ing card from an old friend. ...akes you feel that they treas... ...happy memories of old Appo...x: and that is the way we like ...be.

...wanted to share with you in...ation about Santa Claus from ...of The American Heri... a book-form magazine edited ...the emminent Bruce Catton. It ...s that a certain Nicholas was ...in Patara, in Lycia, and led ...ry holy life. He attended the ...Council of Nicaea as Bishop ...Myra. He died on December 6, A. D. The veneration of Nich...began in 430 A. D. He became ...patron Saint of Moscow, and ...Russian czars bore the name ...olas. An abbreviation of his ...is the given name of Soviet ...ier Nikita Khrushchev. In ..., an Italian expedition to Myra ...ght the Saint's bones to Bari, ... The veneration of Saint Nich... spread over Europe. By the 1500, some 3,000 churches ...dedicated to him. Five Popes ...named for him. He became ...red as the friend of children, ...dens, sailors, etc. In Holland it ...the practice developed of ...ng gifts of small presents, nuts, ..., etc. in children's shoes, stock..., on his date, Dec. 6. How..., all holidays in December had ...tendency to gravitate toward ...date of December 25. In lan...ge translations, he became Pere ...in France, Father Christmas ...England, Kris Krinkle, Germany. ...Dutch wordage was Sinta ...olas, but it got into the spelling ...nterklaes." That is probably ...background for the name San... Claus. As to America, the start ...the veneratiion probably began ...Washington Irving's "Knick...ker History" in 1809. In 1821 ...re appeared "The Children's ...end," a booklet, of which only ...copies exist today. And in the ...r 1822, an Episcopal clergy...n, Clement C. Moore, wrote a ...istmas poem for his children. ...was the son of a Bishop. The ...m was: "The Night Before ...istmas. From then on the city ...New York took over. And in ...91, President Benjamin Harri... ...dressed up as a Santa Claus ...the White House observance. ...s there a Santa Claus? Yes. It ...s Nicholas of Myra, who died in .... But manw of the traditions ...ociated with him, are just that: ...ditions and folklore, with no ba...s in provable history.

...Peiping seen lagging in output ...tractors.

...Seoul gives Gen. Park hero's ...welcome home.

...Canada expected to decide to ac... ...arms.

...Mexican rail link to West Coast ...opened.

Members of New Appomattox Rescue Squad

Members of the newly formed Appomattox Rescue Squad are shown as they completed standard and advanced First Aid courses, under the supervision of Dispatcher E. H. Roach, Virginia State Police, at Division III Headquarters at Appomattox.

Left to right:

Front row: Kenneth Jamerson, Gordon Staples, Ralph Arrington, Donald Almond, Allen Franklin, and Carol Layne.

Second row: Jesse Osborne, Thomas Patteson, Betsy Jamerson, Ottie Osborne, Peggy Rogers, H. W. ("Billy") Conner, William Cheatham, and Richard Shelton.

Third row: Lewis Moore, Edward Thomas, Jack Williams, Aubus Bohannan, John Oxford, Haywood Nuckles, Wayne Lee, Toby Inge, and Jim Williams.

Fourth row: David ("Monk") Carter, Cliff Harvey, William Mann Samuel Dickerson, Paul Doss, James Rogers, Carl Martin, and W. A. Scruggs.

Garden Club

The Appomattox Garden Club will have their annual Christmas Tea in the home of Mrs. J. E. Sears, December 27th from 3 to 5 P. M. Hostesses will be Mrs. Sears, Miss Dorothy Sears, Mrs. Eames Powers, Mrs. Robert A. Sears and Mrs. Ivey Holland.

County Line

It looks good to see the sun shinning this A. M. after so long a cloudy wet spell.

Mrs. Jesse Jones returned home from the hospital last Friday and is getting on fine. Mrs. Frank Moore, Mrs. Everette Ferguson and Mrs. Vernie Jones visited her during the week-end.

Mrs. Otey Jones, who suffered a stroke Monday morning, was carried to the hospital in Farmville Tuesday night.

We are glad to hear Mrs. James Cordell has returned home from the hospital. Mrs. Russell Cordell visited her Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith were in Lynchburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Dan Irby and daughter, Joyce, plan to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis in Alabama.

Mr. Edd Elder and son, Lacy, were recent visitors of Mrs. Dan Irby.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Da_ Doss have the pink eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker spent the week-end recently with relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullin and Andy visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Grishaw at Evergreen Sunday.

We are all sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Annie Hendrick of Mike.

Let's not forget the Christmas program at Central Saturday night.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Congo votes to resume ties with Belgium.

Dial 352-2811 with Personals.

Evergreen Ruritan Club

The Evergreen Ruritan Club had their annual Christmas dinner meeting at Maud's Restaurant on Friday night, Dec. 15th, at 7:00 o' clock.

Special guest at this meeting was the district Lieutenant Governor elect, Mr. Luther Nash of Pamplin, who installed the new officers for the coming year.

The following delegates were elected to attend the annual zone meeting at Hotel Weyanoke, Farmville, Virginia on Jan. 9th; R. H. Wooldridge, James Womack, A. P. Seay and D. P. Harvey.

MANGER SCENE AT LIBERTY

The Y. W. A.'s of Liberty Baptist Church and other young people of the community will present a live Nativity Scene on the front lawn of the church on Saturday evening, from 7:30 to 8:30 and on Sunday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. Mary Catherine Mitchell will play the part of Mary, and Joseph will be played by James Whitehead. The Shepards, Wisemen and Angles will be played by different ones in the community.

NO GARBAGE COLLECTION MONDAY

The Town has announced that there will be no garbage collection on Monday, Christmas Day. The garbage will be collected on Tuesday, December 26.

Aged care bill attacked by A. M. A. head.

Nehru criticzes Soviet atom tests.

Holiday Closing

Local business places will be observing he Christmas holiday Monday. Some industrial payrolls are obeving a full week holiday.

The Times-Virginian will be issued on regular schedule next week.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

COMMUNITY CAROL SING

A "Community Christmas Carol Sing" has been planned for Friday night, December 22 at 7:00 P. M. on the lawn of the Appomattox County Court House. Everyone is invited to come and join in the singing of Christmas Carols. This is being sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary.

READY FOR CHRISTMAS

By: Alice Hansche Mantenson

"Ready for Christmas," she said
with a sigh,
As she gave a last touch to the
gifts piled so high.
Then wearily sat for a moment
and read.
Till soon, very soon, she was nodding her head.
Then quietly spoke a voice in her
dream;
"Ready for Christmas! What do
you mean?
Ready for Christmas, when only
last week
You wouldn't acknowledge your
friends on the street!
Ready for Christmas, while holding a grudge!
Perhaps you had better let God
be the judge.
Why, how can the Christ - Child
come and abide
In a heart that is selfish and
filled with pride?
Ready for Christmas, when only
today
A begger lad came and you turned him away
Without even a smile to show
that you cared!
The little he asked - it could
have been spared.
Ready for Christmas. You've work-
it is true,
But doing the things that you
wanted to do.
Ready for Christmas! Your circle's
too small
Why, you are not ready for Christmas at all!"
She awoke with a start, And a
cry of despair
"There's so little time, and I've
still to prepare!
Oh, Father, forgive me, I see what
you mean;
To be ready means more than a
house swept clean!"
Yes, more than the giving of gifts
and a tree,
It's the heart swept clean that
He wants to see —

West Berlin seeking entry accord with Reds.

DRIVE WITH LIGHTS ON

Richmond, Dec. 21.- "Follow the example of the professional truck drivers — keep your lights on for safety during the holiday weekends."

This is the urgent message that is being extended to all drivers of motor vehicles, says the Virginia Highways Users Association, the state trade association of he trucking industry.

Following a practice that was put into use Labor Day week-end this year, when traffific fatalities were significantly fewer than a year earlier, truck drivers will burn their lights 'round the clock the two approaching holiday weekends.

LIONS CLUB TONIGHT

Appomattox Lions Club members will see a special movie at their regular meeting at the Parkway Restaurant. The film, "Operation Abolition" will be shown. The hour is 6:45 P. M.

UNIQUE TREE IN BANK LOBBY

In the lobby of the Bank of Appomattox an unusual tree is on display for the Christmas season. Mrs. William W. Burke, who is Assistant to the President of the Bank, has been decorating unusual trees for the lobby for the past 25 years. She began working on this one a year ago. Old dictaphone belts were saved throughout the year, which were a very bright red in color and made of plastic. Petals were cut from these and made into poinsettia blooms. Mrs. Burke says that "she used 516 dictaphone belts, 7 spools of thread, cutting each petal separate and sewing them to form the petals into the flower." All through the year she was making the blooms, ut one week before assembling the tree, she had to make from 10 to 15 blooms a night to have them ready. A 15-foot white ash tree, with bare limbs was sprayed gold and the blooms attached to the tree, numbering 234. Small gold balls were used in the center of each poinsettia bloom, giving a brilliant effect to the tree, which is spot-lighted.

NEW BOOKS IN COUNTY LIBRARY

A Prologue To Love — Taylor Caldwell.
An inspiring novel of the power of love and faith in overcoming evil. Miss Caldwell writes of three generations of the Ames family, with great insight and compassion.

Daughter of Silence -
Morris West.
The focal point of the novel is the trial of a young woman, and in essence, is an exploration of the meaning of the law, whether it is an instrument of public order, or an instrument of absolute justice.

Beyond Our Selves -
Catherine Marshall.
A blend of inspiration and autobiogrphhy in which the writer offers her answer to people searching for a more meaningful life and a stronger relationship with God.

Before I Sleep -
James Monahan, Ed.
The last days of Dr. Tom Dooley, written from interviews with those who knew him and those who encountered him in the last year and a half of his life as he traveled many miles, driven by a desperate urgency to complete his mission.

4-H CLUB

Mrs. Hesson's 4-H Club met on Dec. 12. The winners of the Christmas decoration contest were:
First, Jane Richardson
Second: Julia Guill and Ken Coleman
Third: Joyce Carter.
Mr. Dan Moody was present.
Reporter: David Hamilton.

Local Firemen Are Honored

GIFTS TO FIREMEN

Members of Appomattox's outstanding Volunteer Fire Company were entertained at an annual year-end dinner last evening. The enjoyable event was held at the cafeteria of Appomattox Garment Company, at 6:15 P. M. The dinner was given by the Town Mayor, the Town Manager and members of the Council. A special guest was Mr. E. T. Mitchell, who had collected a cash gift fund locally to be distributed among the volunteer firemen. As a feature of the occasion, the popular Fire Chief, W. E. Hancock handed out gift checks to each of the volunteers.

Also on the invited list were Judge Charles Crawley, George F. Abbitt, Jr. and Town Officers, H. A. White and Walker Garrett.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Company are:

Chief W. E. Hancock, C. R. Wooldridge, H. T. Chenault R. L. Bass, P. O. Doss, H. W. Jarrells, H. T. Nash, T. R. Kestner, R. M. Mann, H. F. Carter, W. L. Woody, H. M. Mitchell, R. J. Wooten, Anderson Scruggs, Howard Johnson and J. E. Woody, Jr.

The Volunteers contribute much to the safety of the Town and the area, and are worthy of a salute of appreciation.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Appomattox Public Schools are observing the annual Christmas holiday, and will re-open after New Year's Day.

CHICKWEED TIP

Remember last spring, how that alfalfa field or lawn looked? Chickweek appeared as if it might take over. Of course, it was too late then to do anything about the problem.

Now, you can do something — for alfalfa use Chloro—IPC. If it's a lawn problem, a new chemical called Silves used at the rate of 1½ lbs. per acre is quite effective.

These chemcials will do a good job but should be used now for the best results.

Basketball Win

Appomattox H. S. coasted to a 67-25 victory over the New London school in a basketball game here last Friday night. This was a district league game. A. H. S. was paced by Austin Pankey, with 24 points, and James Whitehead, with 16.

In overtime, Appomattox girls won over New London girls, 25 to 23.

GIRL SCOUT MEETING

Girl Scout Troop 41 met Tuesday and the girls went to Hickory Grove Nursing Home and sang Christmas Carols to the group there. They also carried Christmas gifts for each one at the home. The girls were accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. Chales Moses, Jr., and Mrs. James M. McAden and Mrs. John Grinels, of the Troop Committee.

The girls will have a Christmas party at the home of Nancy Cole on Thursday night, from 7:30-9:30.

U. S. Army in Germany trims training frills.

Greeks say Reds hurt their own cause.

Whites in Kenya ask parle, on land.

Briton deplores leak of talk in trade bloc.